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Capitalization for Titles of Books



Directions: Rewrite each title using capital letters.

1. webster's dictionary _____
2. the animals of africa _____
3. be a better cook _____
4. little red riding hood _____
5. the twelve days of christmas _____
6. how to make a kite _____
7. jane's new bike _____
8. beauty and the beast _____
9. larry's first day of school _____
10. famous food of central America _____
11. caring for your cat _____
12. playing the piano _____



Directions: Use titles to answer each question.

1. What are your two favorite books? Write their titles.

2. Find two books in your classroom. Write their titles.

3. Ask someone you know what his or her two favorite books or magazines are. Write their titles.

4. Write down two magazine titles you know.

5. What are your two favorite television shows? Write their titles.

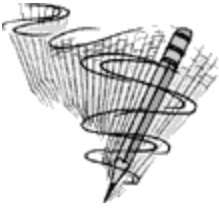
6. What are your two favorite movies? Write their titles.

7. If you were to write two books, what would their titles be?



Directions: Circle the letters in each sentence that need to be capitalized.

1. it began to rain so andrea had to wear her raincoat.
2. in spring, it rains a lot so the flowers will bloom.
3. there are different rainy seasons in different parts of the united states.
4. when there is a thunderstorm, it tends to rain heavily.
5. in hawaii it rains every day.
6. devin liked playing in the rain in summer because it is so warm.
7. the rain delayed the yankee baseball game in new york.
8. in chicago the rain turns to snow in winter.
9. the tornado in florida brought horrible rains and wind.
10. which place gets less rain tuscon, arizona, or seattle, washington?
11. which month does it rain more january or april?
12. the rain left lots of puddles that maggie loves to splash in.



Directions: Rewrite each sentence by using the correct capitalization.

1. huckleberry finn by mark twain is sarah's favorite book.

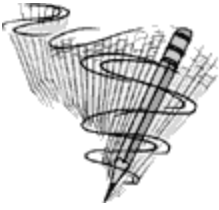
2. we usually go to the orange branch library on tuesdays.

3. wally likes to read spiderman comic books every day.

4. there is a comic book convention in chicago, Illinois, this weekend.

5. laura renews her teen magazine subscription every july.

6. sheena, frank's sister, read her first book, clifford the big red dog today.



Continue... Rewrite each sentence by using the correct capitalization.

7. her german shepard, sophie, had to go see dr. kerri.

8. we read a book called healthy dogs so we knew she had to go to the veterinarian.

9. kristen's cat had an ear infection and had to get medicine from phil's pharmacy.

10. i wonder if blue whales or seahorses in the pacific ocean ever get sick?

11. she wants to be a marine biologist one day.

12. samantha will go to the university of miami to study after she graduates.



Directions: Read the paragraph and circle the words that should be capitalized.

The freswalds wanted to go on vacation so they decided to rent a van and drive across the country and visit as many places as they could. anya wanted to see the grand canyon. peter wanted to see the statue of liberty. mom wanted to go to hollywood and dad wanted to deep-sea fish in the pacific ocean. the freswalds lived in florida so they started to travel west to go towards arizona and california. the freswalds stopped at many restaurants on the way, their favorite being shoney's, and rest stops. they finally made it to the grand canyon, looked around, rode horses, and had a picnic lunch. they went on their way to the next location. when mom saw hollywood she was so excited, she shopped, saw some celebrities, her favorite being harrison ford, and got to see filming of a new movie. while mom was sight seeing in california dad got to do his deep-sea fishing and he caught the most beautiful marlin, but he let it go back into the ocean. only what peter wanted to see was left so the freswalds drove back east again towards new york. when they got to new york peter was eager to see the statue of liberty, so they saw that the empire state building, rockefeller center and went shopping at various stores like f.a.o. shwarz and macy's. the freswalds were very satisfied with what they had done for their vacation so they headed home back to florida.

Directions: Circle all the letters that should or should not be capitalized by crossing the letter out and writing over it.

1. in winter, it Snows quite a bit especially in new England.
2. there are many winter sports to take part in like sledding and ice skating.
3. the weather Man, stan, calls for Ten inches of snow for saturday.
4. the winter Olympics were held in salt lake city, utah in february.
5. the united states men's bobsled team Won silver and bronze.
6. hockey is another fun winter sport to Play.
7. the new jersey devils hockey team might Win the stanley cup this year.
8. there are many fun Holidays to celebrate in the winter such as christmas, new year's, valentine's day and st. patrick's day.

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Rewrite the letter using the correct capitalization.

march 5, 2002

kelly hughes

213 springs st.

scraton pa 12900

dear kelly hughes:

our class would like to thank you for visiting us and telling us all about your new children's book, wendy's adventures on friday. everyone had a great time listening to the stories you read. your books will be a great addition to our library.

we look forward to more books to come and maybe another visit. thank you again.

sincerely yours,

mrs. greg's class

Directions: Rewrite the sentences and correct any capitalization errors. If there are no mistakes, write the word correct.

1. lindsey said her english paper was due on wednesday.

2. Mr. lavery gave us way to much homework before spring break.

3. We had fish sticks and applesauce for school lunch today.

4. in science today, ryan had to dissect a frog.

5. mrs. hart is teaching us about the civil war in history.

6. Our class is going on a trip to the burnett park zoo on Friday.

7. we are reading romeo and juliet in english .

8. Max takes bus number 505 home from school every day.

9. we had to take those iowa math tests in mr. kane's class.

10. if the senior class raises enough money we may be able to go on a trip to toronto, canada this spring.

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Circle all the words that should be capitalized and on the line write the reasons why.

1. we went to mcdonald's for lunch with aunt lisa today.

2. dr. waldy says we should brush our teeth after we eat our halloween candy.

3. They traveled many miles to go to the big mall in michigan.

4. george went to harvard university for college ten years ago.

5. The novac ambulance took uncle sal to community general hospital.

6. He bought his wife a pontiac sunfire for her birthday.

Directions: Read each sentence. If the sentence is a statement write an S, if it is a command write C, if it is a question write Q, or if it is an exclamation write E on the blanks. Add the correct punctuation at the end of each sentence.

A **statement** is a sentence that tells something. It ends with a period.

A **command** is a sentence that tells someone what to do. It ends with a **period**.

A **question** is a sentence that asks something. It ends with a **question mark**.

An **exclamation** is a sentence that shows strong feeling. It ends with an **exclamation point**.

- _____ 1. Would you like some pizza
- _____ 2. Clean your room before dinner
- _____ 3. They all walked to school together
- _____ 4. Have you been to the new mall
- _____ 5. We won the game
- _____ 6. Help your sister with the dishes
- _____ 7. I love my new puppy
- _____ 8. May we please go to the park
- _____ 9. I can't believe we got first row seats
- _____ 10. Do your homework

Directions: Add the correct punctuation mark to the end of each sentence.

1. My favorite dessert is ice cream
2. Mom, will you bake cookies for us
3. Clean up the milk you spilled
4. Wow, these taste delicious
5. Let's have bologna for lunch
6. It is a great day to have a picnic
7. Hooray, you finished your whole plate of dinner
8. What is your favorite fruit
9. Finish your broccoli
10. Our friends gave us a pizza party
11. What do you like on your pizza
12. Yuck, I hate asparagus
13. Save the leftovers
14. Dad said we couldn't have soda with our dinner
15. How many cupcakes would you like

Quotation Marks are used to enclose a person's exact words in a sentence. They are also used around titles of articles, short stories, poems, songs, and chapters.

Directions: Add the correct punctuation mark to the end of each sentence and add quotation marks where needed.

1. Alex asked, Do you have any fish for pets
2. We read a poem called Dogs and Cats
3. John exclaimed, We just got new puppy
4. Class, you need to read the next chapter, Taking care of your pets
5. I wish I could have the tiger in the zoo to bring home, Eric sighed
6. Chelsea asked, How many cats do you have
7. The Icky Sticky Frog is her favorite short story
8. Justin exclaimed, I hate snakes, get it away from me
9. My favorite animal song is The Nutty Elephant
10. I want to be a veterinarian when I grow up, declared Brittney
11. Casey, you need to do your report on the article Animals in South America
12. Daniel excitedly said, Monkeys are my favorite animals in the zoo

**Directions: Add commas correctly to each sentence.
Add the correct end punctuation to each sentence.**

1. Stewart had a bologna sandwich chips apple and juice in his lunch box
2. Vicky said she wanted to go to school today but she also felt sick
3. No you cannot go to the late night skating rink
4. We are going on vacation to Panama City Florida for Spring break
5. Isn't our Regents exam scheduled for Friday June 12 2002
6. Mr. Ferrell of course is our substitute teacher
7. Wow I can' believe I got an excellent grade on my cience test
8. I have history English math and science homework tonight
9. I know you worked so hard on your notes but do you think I could copy them

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Rewrite the friendly letter using the correct commas and end punctuation.

January 3 2002

Dear Grandma Betty

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and dolly you made me for Christmas I use the blanket every day it is so warm I sleep with the dolly every night and I named her Sarah I hoped you enjoyed the lotions and cookies we sent you for the holidays

We are going to come visit you soon I can't wait to see you

Love

Jessica

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Write your own friendly letter correctly using at least one of each of the following punctuation marks: periods, question marks, exclamation marks, quotations, and commas.

Directions: Show ownership by adding an apostrophe “s” (‘s) to the word in parentheses.

1. _____ hair is blond. (Lisa)
2. The _____ leaves grow fast. (plant)
3. Our _____ flag is red, white and blue. (nation)
4. A _____ job is to ensure safety. (policeman)
5. My _____ room is messy. (brother)
6. The _____ plot didn’t make sense. (movie)

Directions: Rewrite each group of words using an apostrophe “s”.

Example: the birthday of John John’s birthday

1. the tail of the tiger _____
2. the shirt of the man _____
3. the hole of the worm _____
4. the doll of Sally _____
5. the bark of the dog _____
6. the beak of the bird _____

To show ownership of something and if the noun is already plural (with an “s” on the end) adding an apostrophe.

Directions: Show ownership by adding an apostrophe to the plural word and write it in the blank.

1. The _____ meeting is tonight. (teachers)

2. It was a five _____ journey. (days)

3. The _____ brooms were magic. (witches)

4. The three _____ bikes were stolen. (friends)

Directions: Rewrite each group of words using an apostrophe “s” or an apostrophe.

1. the sound of the radio _____

2. the roofs of the houses _____

3. the colors of the apples _____

4. the toys of the kids _____

5. the party of the children _____

6. the disc of the computer _____

7. the lyrics of the singer _____

8. the books of the Jones _____

9. the legs of the cat _____

A **contraction** is made when two words are put together. Letters are taken out and replaced by an apostrophe.

Examples: have not – haven't I am – I'm
is not – isn't he is – he's
you are – you're we will – we'll
it is – it's they have – they've
will not – won't (exception to rule)

Directions: Write the contraction for each set of words.

1. we are _____
2. you will _____
3. that is _____
4. she is _____
5. I am _____
6. can not _____
7. do not _____
8. will not _____

Directions: Write the two words that the contraction make up.

1. they'll _____
2. haven't _____
3. it's _____
4. won't _____
5. they're _____
6. isn't _____
7. there'll _____
8. we've _____
9. shouldn't _____
10. there's _____

Directions: Complete the story by writing the correct contractions on the blanks.

They've	She'll	can't	I'll	It's	There'll
I'm	there's	haven't	I'll	they'll	we'll

_____ my birthday today. _____ so excited
because my mom and dad are throwing me a party.

_____ worked so hard to put the party together.

_____ be lots of balloons and party favors

everywhere. They are serving my favorite, pizza. My mom
worked very hard to make my chocolate cake. _____

put candles on it later and everyone will sing. I _____

wait until all my friends get here. _____ be here at

3:00. When they get here _____ play games and

_____ open my presents. My parents say

_____ a surprise and I _____ figured out

what it is yet. _____ have to wait until later.

Directions: Rewrite the sentence by correcting the capitalization and adding the correct punctuation.

1. we saw many clowns at barnum's circus doing many tricks

2. watch out for the elephants

3. were you scared of the tigers melissa

4. my friend george told me to meet him at the ice cream tent at
3 00

5. wow the trapeze artists were amazing

6. get some popcorn im hungry

7. how do those people walk on those tight ropes

8. all the clydesdale horses walked around in circles showing off

Directions: There is one punctuation or capitalization error in each sentence. Circle that error and write the reason it needs to be corrected on the line.

Example: I loved reading the book Harry Potter and the Sourcer's Stone.

Harry Potter and the Sourcer's Stone needs to be underlined because it's a book title.

1. Mrs. Stewart said, Class please be seated it is time for the for dismissal announcements.

2. Have you ever been to sea world, Orlando?

3. Quick I need a towel to wipe this mess.

4. She needs a lift to the airport at 2.00 pm today.

5. Stan and lisa are in the same classroom as last year.

6. Her favorite television show is friends.

7. We will have hotdogs chips watermelon and brownies at our picnic.

8. what will we do with the lost puppy?

Name _____

Date _____

9. Her sisters name is Jessica.

10. I am going to see dr. Farrell tomorrow for a check up.

11. How many celebrities are going to the party.

12. I can't believe her father wont be coming to her wedding.

13. Watch out for that falling beam.

14. The childrens favorite food at school is pizza.

15. They were swimming in the st. lawrence river over the summer.

16. His uncle dino is very tall and lanky.

17. Crystal wanted many dolls for christmas.

Read the letter and correct the punctuation and capitalization where needed.

212 allen rd

georgetown sc 15060

november 6 2002

mr james horton

34 celebrity circle

myrtle beach sc 15098

dear mr horton

our class would like to thank you for showing us around
ripleys aquarium last friday for our yearly field trip we learned
a great deal about animal and plant sea life and had so
much fun doing so some of our favorite parts were the great
white sharks jelly fish and giant sea turtles we also loved
being able to touch the sting rays and watching steve the
scuba guy feed the fish while swimming inside the tank we
hope to be able to visit the aquarium again soon thanks
again

sincerely

mrs smileys class

Date _____

[illegible]

Follow each direction.

1. Write a sentence using a question mark.

2. Write a sentence using quotations.

3. Write a sentence that makes a list with commas.

4. Write a sentence with 2 words that are contractions.

5. Write a sentence using today's date.

6. Write a sentence with a word that is a possessive.

7. Write a sentence with a book title.

8. Write a sentence with a person's name.

9. Write a sentence with a person's title and name.

10. Write a sentence using an exclamation.

Follow each direction.

1. Write a sentence using a city and state.

2. Write a sentence that is a statement.

3. Write a sentence with the name of a country.

4. Write a sentence with the name of a store.

5. Write a sentence that is a command.

6. Write a sentence using the name of your school.

7. Write a sentence describing a member in your family.

8. Write a sentence about your favorite place to go.

9. Write a sentence about one of your teachers.

10. Write a sentence about your favorite holiday.

Directions: Circle each sentence that has correct capitalization and punctuation.

1. Mary's car is in the junk yard on Pond Street.
2. Have you noticed Justin's new hair cut.
3. Samantha went to Ocean city Maryland on her vacation.
4. Abercrombie is Lisa's favorite clothing store.
5. Josephs father is a computer analyst.
6. Arthur Goes to Camp by Marc Brown is her favorite book.
7. The jones won a thousand dollars in las Vegas Nevada.
8. Greg works for Carrier Cooling systems on thompson Rd.
9. Kristen's favorite Disney character is Mickey Mouse.
10. We have to pick Tommy up at the airport at 5;00 on Tuesday.
11. They drove to New York City to see a Broadway Show.
12. Dr Harris is a heart specialist at General Hospital.
13. I can't believe it is almost Christmas time.
14. Her favorite movie of all time is It's a Wonderful Life.
15. Wow, that was a lot of work!

Directions: Rewrite the story using the correct capitalization and punctuation.

On the cold dark night of november 13 the twins leslie and sharlie were alone. at fourteen their parents finally left them to babysit themselves. while leslie and sharlie were about to sit on the couch to watch their favorite movie, grease, with a bowl of popcorn they heard a weird noise coming from outside Not thinking it was any big deal, leslie got up to look out the window.

Ahhhh, she screamed She told sharlie she saw a shadow that looked like a man walking by sharlie said Lets make sure all the doors are locked. As they were checking the back door and putting the chain on they saw someone turning the door knob and when the door opened sharlie slammed the door on the hand that came in the hand immediately slid out and they heard a loud shrill. leslie asked why is someone trying to get in our house sharlie said I don't know but if he tries again lets call the police. About one minute later they heard a noise at the front door, which sounded like someone trying to put a key in the bolt lock. Leslie called 911 and told them someone was trying to break in. As they were waiting for the police to get there sharlie and leslie were scared and had bats in their hands. About five minutes later the police arrived and brought in a man that looked like their beaten dad. Wow it was their dad Dad, what are you doing here sharlie asked. I am so sorry to scare you girls but all I was doing was checking up on you I thought you trusted us leslie responded, sounding very upset. I know dad said but i think I got what i deserved between the slamming of my hand in the door, the tripping and falling and ripping my pants on the bushes trying to look in the window, and being brought in by the police. Well you are right the twins chimed in at the same time. I love you girls and I just worry about you said dad So do I said mom walking in the door shaking her head.

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1. Webster's Dictionary
2. The Animals of Africa
3. Be a Better Cook
4. Little Red Riding Hood
5. The Twelve Days of Christmas
6. How to Make a Kite
7. Jane's New Bike
8. Beauty and the Beast
9. Larry's First Day of School
10. Famous Food of Central America
11. Caring for your Cat
12. Playing the Piano

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Answers vary.

Page 3

Circled words.

1. It Andrea
2. In Spring
3. There United States
4. When
5. In Hawaii
6. Devin Summer
7. The Yankee New York
8. In Chicago
9. The Florida
10. Which Tuscon Arizona Seattle Washington
11. Which January April
12. The Maggie

Pages 4-5

1. Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain Sarah's
2. We Orange Branch Library Tuesdays
3. Wally Spiderman
4. There Chicago Illinois
5. Laura Teen July
6. Sheena Frank's Clifford Big Red Dog
7. Her German Sophie Dr. Kerri
8. We Healthy Dogs
9. Kristen's Phil's Pharmacy
10. I Blue Whales Pacific Ocean
11. She Marine Biologist
12. Samantha University Miami

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Words that should be circled.

Freswalds Anya Grand Canyon Peter Statue of Liberty Mom
Hollywood Dad Pacific Ocean The
Freswalds Florida Arizona California The
Freswalds Shoney's They Grand Canyon
They
When Mom Hollywood Harrison Ford While
Mom Marlin Only Peter Freswalds New York
When New York Peter Statue of Liberty
Empire State Building Rockefeller Center
Fao Shwarz
Macy's The Freswalds Florida

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1. In Winter snows New
2. There Sledding Ice Skating
3. The Stan ten Saturday
4. The Winter Salt Lake City Utah February
5. The United States won
6. Hockey play
7. the New Jersey Devils win Stanley Cup
8. There holidays Christmas New Year's Valentine's Day St. Patrick's Day

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4354 Wetzel Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13400

March 5, 2002

Kelly Hughes

213 Spring St.

Scranton PA 12900

Dear Kelly Hughes:

Our Wendy's Adventure's Friday
We Thanks

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Greg's Class

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1. No Lindsey Wednesday
2. No Lavery Spring Break
3. correct
4. No In Science Ryan
5. No Mrs. Hart Civil War History
6. No Burnett Park Zoo
7. No We Romeo Juliet English
8. correct
9. No We Iowa Math Tests Mr. Kane's
10. No If Senior Class Toronto Canada Spring

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1. We – it's the beginning of a sentence
McDonald's – a name of a restaurant
Aunt Lisa – a person's name
2. Dr. Waldy – title and name of person
Halloween – name of holiday
3. Michigan – name of a state
4. George – name of person
Harvard University- Name of a public place
5. Novac Ambulance – name of public transportation
6. Pontiac Sunfire – name of a car

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1. Q
2. C
3. S
4. Q
5. E
6. C
7. S
8. Q
9. E
10. C

Page 12

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8. ?
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11. ?
12. !
13. .
14. .
15. ?

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1. "Do you have any fish for Pets?"
2. "Dogs and Cats".
3. "We just got a new puppy!"
4. "Taking care of your pets".
5. "I wish I could have the tiger in the zoo to bring home"
6. "How many cats do you have?"
7. "The Icky Sticky Frog" .
8. "I hate snakes, get it away from me!"
9. "The Nutty Elephant".
10. "I want to be a veterinarian when I grow up" .
11. "Animals in South America".
12. "Monkeys are my favorite animals in the zoo!"

Page 14

1. bologna sandwich, chips, apple, .
2. today, but .
3. No, you .
4. Panama City, Florida .
5. Friday, June 12, 2202 ?
6. Mr. Ferrell, of course, .
7. Wow, .
8. History, English, Math, .
9. notes, but ?

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January 3, 2002

Dear Grandma Betty,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and dolly you made me for Christmas. I use the blanket everyday. It is so warm I sleep with the dolly every night, and I named her Sarah. I hoped you enjoyed the lotions and cookies we sent you for the holidays.

We are going to come visit soon. I can't wait to see you.

Love,

Jessica

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Answers will vary.

Page 17

1. Lisa's
 2. plant's
 3. nation's
 4. policeman's
 5. brother's
 6. movie's
-
1. tiger's tail
 2. man's shirt
 3. worm's hole
 4. Sally's doll
 5. dog's bark
 6. bird's beak

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1. teachers'
2. days'
3. witches'
4. friends'

1. radio's sound
2. houses' roofs
3. apples' colors
4. kids' toys
5. children's party
6. computer's disc
7. singer's lyrics
8. Jones' books
9. cat's legs

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| 1. we're | 5. I'm |
| 2. you'll | 6. can't |
| 3. that's | 7. don't |
| 4. she's | 8. won't |

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. they will | 6. is not |
| 2. have not | 7. there will |
| 3. it is | 8. we have |
| 4. will not | 9. should not |
| 5. they are | 10. there is |

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It's I'm
 They've
 There'll
 She'll
 can't
 They'll we'll
 I'll
 There's haven't
 I'll

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1. We saw many clowns at Barnum's Circus doing many tricks.
2. Watch out for the elephants!
3. Were you scared of the tigers, Melissa?
4. My friend, George, told me to meet him at the ice cream tent at 3:00.
5. Wow, the trapeze artists were amazing!
6. Get some popcorn because I'm hungry.
7. How do those people walk on those tight ropes?
8. All the Clydesdale horses walked around in circles showing off

Page 22-23

1. "Class please be seated it is time for the dismissal announcements." Someone's words
2. Sea World- name of a place
3. Quick, mess!- Interjection and exclamation
4. 2:00 p.m.- time need a colon
5. Lisa- name of a person
6. Friends – name of a tv show
7. hotdogs, chips, watermelon, - list of words need commas
8. what – beginning of sentence
9. sister's – shows ownership
10. Dr. – name of title of person
11. How many celebrities are going to the party?- a question sentence
12. won't – needs a contraction
13. Watch out for that falling beam! – exclamation sentence
14. children's – shows ownership
15. St. Lawrence River – name of a place
16. Uncle Dino – name of a person
17. Christmas – name of a holiday

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212 Allen Rd.
 Georgetown, SC 15060

November 6, 2002

Mr. James Horton
 34 Celebrity Circle
 Myrtle Beach, SC 15098

Dear Mr. Horton:

Our class would like to thank you for showing us around Ripley's Aquarium last Friday for our yearly field trip. We learned a great deal about animal and plant sea life and had so much fun doing so. Some of our favorite parts were the Great White Sharks, Jelly Fish, and Giant Sea Turtles. We also loved being able to touch the Sting Rays and watching Steve the scuba guy feed the fish while swimming inside the tank. We hope to be able to visit the aquarium again soon. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Smiley's Class

Pages 25-27

Answers will vary.

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Correct sentences

1
4
6
9
11
13
15

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On the cold dark night of November 13 the twins, Leslie and Sharlie were alone. At fourteen their parents finally left them to baby sit themselves. While Leslie and Sharlie were about to sit on the couch to watch their favorite movie Grease with a bowl of popcorn, they heard a weird noise coming from outside. Not thinking it was any big deal, Leslie got up to look in the window.

"Ahhh!" she screamed. She told Sharlie she saw a shadow that looked like a man walking by. Sharlie said, "Let's make sure all the doors are locked." As they were checking the back door and putting the chain on they saw someone turning the knob and when the door opened Sharlie slammed the door on the hand that came in. The hand immediately slid out and they heard a loud shrill. Leslie asked, "Why is someone trying to get in our house?" Sharlie said, I don't know but if he tries again lets call the police." About one minute later they heard a noise at the front door, which sounded like someone trying to put a key in the bolt lock. Leslie called 911 and told them someone was trying to break in. As they were waiting for the police to get there, Sharlie and Leslie were scared and had bats in their hands. About five minutes later the police arrived and brought in a man that looked like their beaten dad. Wow, it was their dad! "Dad, what are you doing here?" Sharlie asked. "I am so sorry to scare you girls, but all I was doing was checking up on you," Dad said. "I thought you trusted us," Leslie responded, sounding very upset. "I know, but I think I got what I deserved between the slamming of my hand in the door, then tripping and falling and ripping my pants on the bushes trying to look in the window, and being brought in by the police," Dad said. "Well you are right," the girls chimed in at the same time. "I love you girls and I just worry about you," sighed Dad. "So do I," Mom said walking in the door shaking her head.